

this time of the session to try to procedurally stop legislation by not having the A bill accompany it. So I would urge that you advance the bill this morning so it can be acted upon whatever is going to happen to it without being unduly held up just because of the procedure and not having the A bill accompanying the substantive legislation. So I would hope the members would advance the bill so that we can consider all those revenue bills one way or the other next week and know where we are at in terms of appropriations and receipts for not only this year but I would urge you to always be thinking of next year as well.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud and then next Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in opposition to LB 715A. My opposition is somewhat simple. I am against LB 715. Without the accompanying A bill, 715 cannot be implemented. I guess I don't see this as a simple procedural matter. I see the institution of LB 715 as having a very, very detrimental effect upon the Nebraska business climate, the business community. I think Senator Harris summed up the way the Nebraska economy is best by saying that we are having a tough time out there. The agricultural economy this year is tough and it is affecting the small business men out there. And I feel that in these hard economic times as we are having this particular year, that this is a bad message to send out to the business community. In addition, it is going to result in a phenomenal increase in the utility costs for the business community throughout the state. So I rise to oppose LB 715A. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would really like to set the record straight on this little rinky-dinky A bill. And this is for you, Senator Abboud. If this bill fails to advance this morning, this bill dies. It goes prrrrrr dead and then we can read the mainline bill, 715, Tuesday. Under the rules, we can because even when the A bill is gone the mainline revenue bill may be read. Okay. But we just simply don't have the \$90,000 that you need to provide the full auditing procedures necessary to accompany 715. Now I only want the bill to be advanced to Final Reading so that we may at least read the revenue bills next